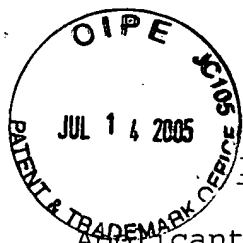


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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated June 21, 2005,  
having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire  
July 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.